



# Seniors! Veterans! People with Disabilities! Have you heard?

**You Can Get an Economic Stimulus Payment from the Government  
Worth \$300, or \$600 for Married Couples!**

## To get your payment:

- \$ File a tax form (Form 1040A) with the IRS by October 15.**  
The IRS may already have sent you Form 1040A and special instructions.
- \$ You must file the form *even if you do not usually file taxes*.**

## You can qualify for a payment:

- \$ If you had \$3,000 or more in income in 2007 from Social Security benefits; Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI); veterans disability benefits; Railroad Retirement benefits; earnings from work; OR a combination of any of these benefits and pay.**
- \$ The payment should not affect other benefits you may get, like SSI, Food Stamps or Medicaid.**

## Have Questions?





Call the IRS at **1-866-234-2942** or visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).  
Click on "Stimulus Payment Rebate Questions" for help.

**You have until October 15 to file!**

# What is the Economic Stimulus Payment?

Congress recently approved Economic Stimulus Payments for 130 million households to give them a little more income to spend during the difficult financial times many are now facing.





## What do I need to know about eligibility?

-  You need to have had \$3,000 or more in income from earnings, Social Security benefits, SSDI, veterans disability benefits, Railroad Retirement, OR a combination of these sources in 2007.
-  SSI — Supplemental Security Income — does not count toward the \$3,000 in income you need in 2007 to get the payment.
-  You need to have a valid Social Security number and so does your spouse, if you are married and file jointly. You cannot get the payment with an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).
-  You don't qualify for the payment if you can be claimed as a dependent by another person.

## The payment should not affect your other benefits.

The payment will not count as income for benefits like SSI, Food Stamps or Medicaid, so it will not put you over the income limit. Spend some or all of the payment within 60 days after you get it to be sure that it will not put your bank account over the amount these benefit programs allow.

## How can I claim the Economic Stimulus Payment?

-  If you get Social Security or veterans benefits, but do not usually file taxes, you should have received a mailing from the IRS that contains a Form 1040A with special instructions about what you need to put on the form. You only need to fill out a few lines and sign the form. You do not send any extra documents with your tax return.
-  If you already filed a Form 1040 or 1040A in 2008 you do not need to do anything else. If you filed a Form 1040EZ showing earnings of \$3,000 or more for 2007, you do not need to do anything else.
-  If the IRS finds you qualify for a payment, it will send you a check or deposit the payment in your bank account. The IRS will send you a notice telling you it is sending the payment.
-  If you are raising children or grandchildren under age 17, you should fill out a complete Form 1040A. You could get an extra \$300 per child. If you worked in 2007, you also could get a refund from the Earned Income Tax Credit or the Child Tax Credit.

**Get help! Call the IRS at 1-866-234-2942  
and ask about free tax assistance sites near you.**